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NORTH DAKOTA 2015 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

FARGO, ND, January 12, 2016 – **Corn** for grain production is estimated at 328 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average yield is estimated at 128 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 2.56 million acres, is up from 2014's harvested acreage of 2.53 million.

Soybean production is estimated at 186 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year's record production. The average yield is 32.5 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acres harvested are estimated at 5.72 million, down from last year's record 5.87 million acres harvested.

Potato production is estimated at 27.2 million hundredweight, up 14 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 340 hundredweight per acre, up 30 hundredweight from last year, and is a new record high. Acres harvested are estimated at 80,000, up from 77,000 acres a year ago.

Oil sunflower production is estimated at 889 million pounds, up 30 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,470 pounds per acre, up 130 pounds from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 605,000, up from 510,000 acres a year ago. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at 179 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at a record 1,850 pounds per acre, up 670 pounds from a year ago, and surpasses the previous record of 1,670 pounds per acre in 2012. An estimated 97,000 acres were harvested, down from 139,000 acres the previous year.

Canola production is estimated at a record high 2.49 billion pounds, up 16 percent from 2014, and eclipses the previous high production of 2.18 billion pounds in 2010. Yield is estimated at 1,780 pounds per acre, down 20 pounds from last year. Area harvested totaled 1.40 million acres, up from 1.19 million acres a year ago.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 9.32 million bushels, up 60 percent from 2014. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 23.0 bushels, up 1.5 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 405,000, up from 270,000 acres a year ago.

Dry edible bean production is estimated at 8.90 million hundredweight, up 1 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 1,400 pounds, down 30 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 635,000, up from 615,000 acres a year ago.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 8.06 million hundredweight, up 48 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 2,150 pounds per acre, up 20 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 375,000, up from 255,000 acres a year ago.

Lentil production is estimated at 2.14 million hundredweight, up 145 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 1,310 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 163,000, up from 66,000 acres a year ago.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at 5.75 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 27.9 tons per acre, up 4.1 tons from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 206,000 acres, down from 214,000 acres the previous year.

Safflower production is estimated at 10.9 million pounds, up 15 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,050 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 10,400, up from 9,500 acres a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production, at 2.85 million tons, is down 18 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 1.90 tons per acre, down 0.20 tons from a year ago. Acres harvested are estimated at 1.50 million, down from 1.65 million acres last year. **All other hay** production totaled 2.13 million tons, up 7 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.20 tons from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 1.25 million, up from 1.05 million acres last year. **New seedlings of alfalfa** in 2015 totaled 90,000 acres, up from 80,000 acres a year ago.

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